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<u>Press Advisory * Press Advisory * Press Advisory</u> Tutunjian Statement Concerning the Guardian Angels

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(September 23, 2005- TROY)- The following is the authorized statement by Mayor Harry J Tutunjian regarding the Guardian Angels in the City of Troy.

"The Guardian Angels appear to be a well intentioned organization, though it has been my opinion throughout this entire saga that the City of Troy is not in a position where it needs the help of Curtis Sliwa. However, in recent months there have been requests from residents in different sections of the City, and in particular the head of the Police Benevolent Association, Robert Fitzgerald, to use their services. Despite the negative attention that the appearance this group generates, I will put my personal beliefs aside if residents believe it will improve the quality of life in Troy. We welcome the chance for Mr. Sliwa and the Guardian Angels to prove they are sincere in their efforts and anticipate the successful implementation of their program."

Mayor Tutunjian will not be available for comment.